



Summer Camps

Sign up for a summer camp offered by Parks and Recreation!

Camp Adventure: This summer day camp will be held in two-week sessions starting June 14 at the Riechmann Pavilion at Stephens Lake Park. Campers will learn outdoor living skills and enjoy nature. Any child who has completed kindergarten through seventh grade is welcome to participate. Registration for Camp Adventure must be done in person at the ARC (1701 W. Ash). The cost for Camp Adventure is \$215 per child, per session.

STARS Summer Program: Each week, youth will study one of the seven Kwanzaa principles; activities will focus on the principles. STARS is held at the Armory, starting June 14, for kids ages 6-14. Cost is \$10 weekly.

Summer Active Kids Club: Kids ages 8-13 will participate in organized activities such as soccer, basketball, kickball, swimming, bowling and flag football. The club is held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday at various parks throughout the summer. Cost is \$30 per week.

First Days of Summer Camp: This program will take place at Rock Quarry Park on June 10-11. Kids ages 6-10 will participate in crafts, games and field trips. Sign up for one or both days. Parents may drop kids off no earlier than 7:45 a.m. and pick up no later than 5:15 p.m. Cost is \$30 per day.

Other camps offered include those focused on art, music, basketball and lifeguard skills. Check the Leisure Times online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com for details or call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.



Get out and about on foot or by bike

Walking or biking from point A to point B is a great way to enjoy the weather, get some exercise and reduce stress. Whether you're running errands or commuting to work, you'll feel happier, healthier and more productive. Here are some ideas on how to do it:

Run errands the active way

Call a friend and pick up stamps, return videos or grab a few groceries together. You'll get some refreshing exercise, catch up on the latest news and knock out some of those things on your to-do list.

Part of the way still counts

Live too far from work to walk or bike the whole way? Are the streets too difficult for your skill level? Park your car somewhere convenient along your route and bike or walk the rest of the way.

Share a one-way ride to work

Make one leg of your journey an active one. Find someone who lives or works close to you, and take turns being the driver one day and the walker or bicyclist the next.

Make a "combo commute"

When you combine the Columbia Transit bus with a walk or bike ride, you have access to destinations all over town. All Columbia Transit buses have bike racks capable of holding two bikes at a time. Find schedules and routes at GoColumbiaMo.com

Visit getaboutcolumbia.com for more ideas or call the GetAbout Columbia office at 442-7189.

Volunteer of the Month—Tracye Harmon



Tracye Harmon

It should come as no surprise that as budgets grow tighter, volunteers become more valuable. And that's why the Columbia Police Department is especially lucky to have Tracye Harmon on its team.

Harmon has donated time to the Police Department since 2006, when she attended the Citizen's Academy as a way to utilize her criminal justice degree. Since then, she has worked at the Polar Bear Plunge, the Roots 'N Blues 'N BBQ Festival and the Show-Me Games. She also drives the McGruff Crime Dog electric car at schools and files intelligence bulletins that the Department can share with other law enforcement agencies.

Harmon's supervisor, Officer Jessie Haden, says that Harmon recently took on a greater role, along with two other volunteers, in overseeing the volunteer program.

"She is really helping to keep our program vital and vibrant. Without dedicated volunteers like her, the community might not have Columbia Police volunteers at all," Haden said.

Harmon says that the experience, especially meeting people across the city, is a joy.

"I've lived in the area my entire life, but didn't know all the Department was doing in the community," she said. "I feel very lucky to be part of it, and to be able to get a better sense of what they do."

And while the City and Police Department thank Harmon for her service, she would like to return the favor.

"I would like to thank the officers for their hard work and let them know that I love what I'm doing," she said.

To learn about City volunteer programs, call 874-7499 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com. — Submitted by volunteer Sarah Madden

Save money with Tree Power

Trees planted in the right place on your property can greatly reduce your cooling costs in the summer. That's why Columbia Water and Light is offering a free tree to electric customers!

Sign up and a representative will come to your house to show you the best place for your shade tree. You will then receive a coupon for a free tree.

***limit one tree per electric meter**

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Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

- Library Board
- Water & Light Advisory Board
- Cultural Affairs Standing Committee on Public Art
- Railroad Advisory

Application deadline is noon, June 4. Applications and current vacancies for City boards and commissions are available online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 874-7208 for information and requirements.

Burglary Prevention

Don't be a burglary victim! Put prevention on your to-do list before leaving for summer vacation. Burglars know that vacation season is soon upon us. Make sure passersby and those in the neighborhood can't tell that you're gone.

It is best to stop newspaper and mail delivery unless you can have a trusted friend or neighbor pick them up. Door-mail and packages can then be checked as well. Also, ask a neighbor to park a car in your driveway and mow your yard.

The Columbia Police Department has a form available on its page of the City's Web site at GoColumbiaMo.com that can be printed and used to record a list of valuables and their serial numbers. The department also loans engravers, free of charge, so that you can engrave valuable items. You can also request that police keep a watch on your home while you're away. More burglary prevention tips are available on the Web site and you can ask additional questions through the Q&A section.

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Pools open for summer

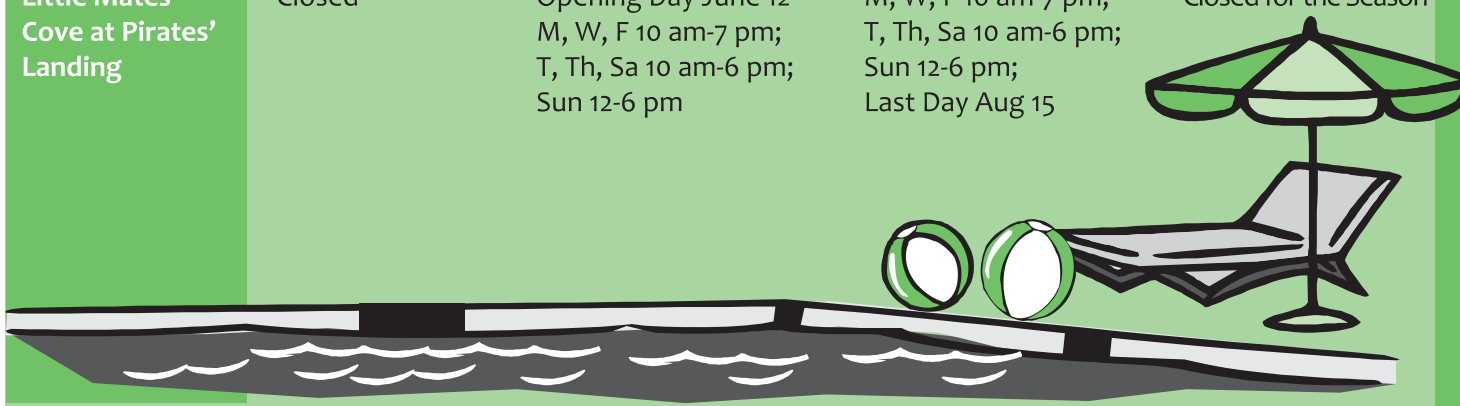
Don't miss the fun at Columbia's pools this summer! Douglass Family Aquatic Center will again feature a \$1 admission price for patrons 2 and older. Recreation swim prices at other outdoor aquatic facilities are free for age 1 and under, \$2.50 for 2-15 year-olds, and \$3.75 for patrons 16 and older. Admission after 5 p.m. is \$1.75.

Coupon books for 20 visits are available for \$37.50 for children (2-15) and \$56.25 for those 16 and older. Season passes are available for \$220 for a family of up to 5, \$115 for an adult and \$70 for a youth.

For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.

Outdoor Aquatic Facility Hours

Location	May	June/July	August	September
Douglass Family Aquatic Center	Closed	Opening Day • June 12; Open Mon-Sat • 1-7 pm; Open Sun 1-6 pm	Open Mon-Sat 1-7 pm Open Sun 1-6 pm Last Day August 15	Closed for the Season
Lake of the Woods Pool	Closed	Opening Day June 12; • Open M, W, Sa, Su 12-5:30 pm; Open T, Th, F 1:30-7 pm	Open M, W, Sa, Su 12-5:30 pm; Open T, Th, F 1:30-7 pm; Last Day August 8	Closed for the Season
Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center	Opening Day • May 29 12-6 pm; • May 30 & 31 — 12-6 pm	Closed June 1-4, 7-9; Open June 5 & 6 12-6 pm; Open for Season June 10; M-F, 12-7 pm Sat-Sun, 12-6 pm	M-F 12-7 pm; Sat-Sun 12-6 pm; Last Weekday Aug 20; Open Aug 21, 22, 28, 29 12-6 pm; Closed Aug 23-27, 30, 31	Closed Sept 1-3 Open Sept 4-6 12-6 pm After Labor Day closed for season
Little Mates Cove at Pirates' Landing	Closed	Opening Day June 12 M, W, F 10 am-7 pm; T, Th, Sa 10 am-6 pm; Sun 12-6 pm	M, W, F 10 am-7 pm; T, Th, Sa 10 am-6 pm; Sun 12-6 pm; Last Day Aug 15	Closed for the Season



Get an Energy Star home



Tired of wasting money on your utility bills? Columbia Water & Light’s Home Performance with Energy Star can help! The average savings of our residential customers is 30 percent. The process starts with hiring a certified inspector to do a detailed assessment of your home. The report will tell you exactly what you need to do to make your home more energy efficient. If you make all the improvements, you will have an Energy Star qualified home.

Columbia Water & Light offers many incentives for you to make the recommended energy efficient upgrades. We offer rebates up to \$1,200. You may also qualify for a low-interest loan to help finance the upgrades. There are state and federal incentives for certain items as well.

Why are you waiting? Start saving today.

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Springtime Pet Safety Reminders

Springtime temperatures often mean more time outside for pets and their owners. The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services – Animal Control Unit reminds citizens to keep dogs on a leash when they’re out enjoying the warm weather.

Dogs anywhere in Columbia must stay on the owner’s property at all times unless the dog is on a leash. If the dog will stay in its own yard by training or command, a leash isn’t required, and it is not a leash law violation. Dogs that get into the street or a neighbor’s yard are in violation of the leash law.

Dogs running at large in Columbia may be picked up and impounded by an Animal Control officer. Owners can pick up their pets after providing proof of ownership, paying a \$25 impoundment fee and a \$15 per day boarding fee. Dogs not claimed within five days are turned over to the Central Missouri Humane Society.

Don’t let a lost pet spoil your springtime fun. All dogs over three months of age must wear a collar and license tag inside the City of Columbia. If your pet isn’t microchipped, consider doing so. A microchip will allow Animal Control officers to quickly return your pet if it becomes lost. The Central Missouri Humane Society is hosting a special event on Saturday, June 19. They will offer low-cost microchipping (\$25), vaccinations (\$10 each) and nail trims (\$5). Pet owners will also be able to purchase the required city licenses at the event. Call the Humane Society at 443-3893 for more information.

Tree Line USA

Columbia Water & Light recently received the Tree Line USA award from the National Arbor Day Foundation. The utility has received the award each year since 1998 for caring for trees while maintaining reliable service.

Tree limbs can cause interruptions in the delivery of electricity and can also bring down lines during storms. Over the years, Water & Light has paid close attention to proper tree-care practices and encourages customers to plant the proper trees near power lines.

Trees growing in electric lines? Check out Trade-A-Tree.

Need more shade to stay cool in the summer? Sign up for Tree Power.

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Hindman presented with Lang Award

Outgoing Mayor Darwin Hindman was presented the second Howard B. Lang Jr. Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to the City of Columbia at an event in his honor March 27.

The award was established by Leo Hill, Columbia’s first city manager, who worked under Lang in the 1950s. Hill wanted to promote volunteer service in Columbia and to honor Lang, who he greatly respected.

The recipient of the Lang Award is chosen based on activity, initiative and length of service. Hindman has made many contributions to public life in Columbia, including 15 years as mayor.

Fire in the Sky Independence Day Celebration

The 58th annual celebration of an American tradition

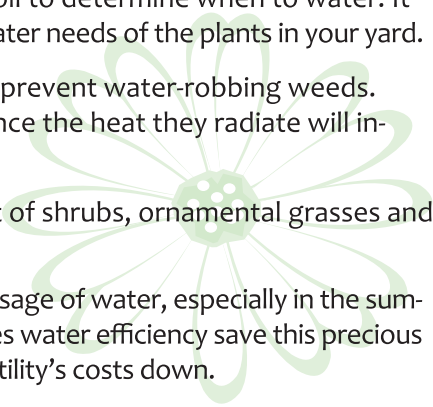
Enjoy music, entertainment and fireworks at Miz-zou’s Memorial Stadium, corner of Stadium and Providence, on July 4. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will start at 7 p.m. with fireworks beginning after 9 p.m.

The celebration is free. Concessions will be available. Please do not bring fireworks to the stadium. For more information, call 874-7460 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Xeriscaping: water efficient landscaping

Up to 60 percent of all household water used during summer is outdoors on the landscape. A considerable amount of water can be saved through well-planned and well-managed landscapes. So, try xeriscaping and spend less time watering and more time enjoying your beautiful landscape!

- The key is to select plants according to the site conditions and stresses. Native Missouri plants are good choices since they tolerate wet spring soils and late summer drought.
- Clay soil types commonly found in Columbia don’t absorb water well. Deeply cultivated, amended soil will improve drainage, save water and keep your plants healthy.
- Divide the landscape into three water-use zones: low, moderate and high. Place plants with high water requirements in areas that receive the most water, like drainage ways, depressions or bottoms of hills.
- Shade, whether from plants or structures, helps cool the landscape and reduces water loss. A shaded landscape can be as much as 20 percent cooler than full sun areas.
- Pay close attention to moisture in the soil to determine when to water. It also pays to do your homework on the water needs of the plants in your yard.
- Mulch to retain moisture in the soil and prevent water-robbing weeds. Avoid using rocks around your plants since the heat they radiate will increase evaporation.
- Visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com for a list of shrubs, ornamental grasses and perennial flowers to use in your yard.



Columbia Water & Light encourages careful usage of water, especially in the summer during times of peak usage. Not only does water efficiency save this precious resource for the future but it helps hold the utility’s costs down.

Problem-Oriented Policing

What is problem-oriented policing and how does it work with Police Chief Ken Burton’s new “geographic policing” model? According to the Center for Problem-Oriented Policing, a problem is “something that concerns or causes harm to citizens, not just the police.” The Center’s Web site says, “Addressing problems means more than quick fixes: it means dealing with conditions that create problems.”

Now that Chief Burton has fully implemented geographic policing (view the department’s organizational structure on the Police Department’s page of the City’s Web site at GoColumbiaMo.com), all members of the department are responsible for identifying problems in their respective areas. They are also responsible for finding solutions.

Supervisors, including police sergeants, lieutenants and captains, as well as officers, are responsible for spotting crime trends. They are also expected to have close contact with residents within their geographic “beats” (the areas they patrol.) Officers and supervisors are expected to develop good working relationships between the department and members in the community and to ask citizens what they perceive to be problems in their neighborhoods. Columbia citizens can e-mail their beat officers directly or any of the supervisory staff for their area of town, with questions, concerns or information about neighborhood meetings or events. Contact information is available on the Web site.

Family Fun Fests

Family Fun Fests are back this spring and summer! Columbia Parks and Recreation will present a Family Fun Fest event at Flat Branch Park from 6-8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month through September.

The free Fun Fests will feature a new theme each month. Entertainment for the entire family will include music, special performances, art activities, bounce houses, hands-on activities, balloon animals and face painting.

The Family Fun Fests are sponsored by the Convention & Visitors Bureau, KPLA 101.5 Radio, KOMU 8 and Home & Life-style Magazine.

June 16: Explore Outdoors

An evening of fun with nature. See and learn about Missouri fish, birds, parks, and camping -- all that the outdoors has to offer -- from local and state organizations.

Don’t Miss!

July 21: Dancing in the Streets

Aug 18: Around the World

Sept 15: Creative Kids (Sponsored by City’s Office of Cultural Affairs and Missouri Arts Council)

Free compost workshops

When: Saturdays, May 22 or June 26, 10 a.m.
Where: Capen Park off Rock Quarry Road, south of Stadium at the City’s compost demonstration site. Free or reduced priced compost bins are offered to participants, while supplies last.
Pre-registration required by calling (573) 874-6271 or e-mailing PW-volunteer@GoColumbia-Mo.com

Don’t have time to make your own compost? Stop by the City’s compost facility at 5700 Peabody Road on Wednesday’s between 1 - 5 p.m. to purchase compost and give your landscaping a boost. Check the online City calendar for available Saturday pickup dates throughout the summer. For rates and quantities, call 474-9145 or check out the City’s Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (search: GoComposting).

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USS Columbia commander and crew expected to visit over Memorial Day Weekend

Did you know the USS Columbia submarine was named for Columbia – Missouri, Illinois and South Carolina? We have one of the Navy’s longest, continuously active namesake city programs. That’s thanks to the Columbia Submarine Committee, VFW Post 280 Ladies Auxiliary, local businesses and other organizations.

USS Columbia crewmembers have participated in Memorial Day Weekend activities all but one year since 1994. This year, Captain Craig Blakey, commander of the USS Columbia, is expected to lead the namesake delegation.

While the crew itinerary is tentative, we hope their schedule allows a public reception Friday, May 28, around 5 p.m. at Boone Tavern. The crew also plans to attend the Salute to Veterans Air Show, ride in the Memorial Day parade with local World War II submarine veterans and participate in the wreath-laying ceremony. All plans are tentative, so watch for details and updates at www.GoColumbiaMo.com. For more information, call 874-7316 or e-mail PCO@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Know the Code: Zoning Violations

The Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) is the City’s newest department, created in fiscal year 2010 to address code enforcement and assist neighborhoods. A common issue ONS staff finds is too many non-related people living in the same household, particularly in rental property. These zoning violations can change the face of a neighborhood in a negative way.

According to Chapter 29 of the City Ordinances, in R-1 zoning, not more than three persons not related by blood or marriage may live together. In all other zoning districts, a group of not more than four unrelated people may live together.

What you can do to help:

- Let us know if you are aware of properties you believe are in violation and our staff can investigate.
- Landlords can help by making sure their rental units are compliant.
- Real estate agents can educate those purchasing rental property about the city code.

Contact the Office of Neighborhood Services at 817-5050 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Eco Schoolhouse



Keep your eyes out for free showings of the Eco Schoolhouse, a documentary about how the Columbia community, public schools and over 100 businesses joined with Grant Elementary School to create the nation’s first LEED-certified, community built and environmentally sustainable classroom.

The film was produced with assistance from the City of Columbia Public Communications Advisory Committee fund. A free showing will be held Friday, May 7, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at The Blue Note. Food will be provided by Rock Bridge Culinary Arts students. Live music will be provided by Don and Tonya Campbell, who also scored the film.

Enjoy free showings at Daniel Boone Regional Library in July and August. For more information, visit ecoschoolhouse.com or call 489-6147.

PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR	
Register online! www.GoColumbiaMo.com Call 874-7460 for more information.	
JUNE 2010	
5-6	Art in the Park, Stephens Lake Park, <i>free</i>
5	National Trails Day celebration, 5K/10K at Stadium access of MKT, Nature Expo at Forum Nature Area, 9 a.m., <i>free</i>
11	U.S. Cellular Movies in the Park, “Cloudy with the Chance of Meatballs”, Flat Branch Park, 9 p.m., \$1 per person, 12 and under <i>free</i>
12	Lake of the Woods, Little Mates Cove at Pirates’ Landing, Douglass Family Aquatic Center open
12	“Reel” Time with Kids fishing clinic, Bass Pro Shop’s Sportsman’s Center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., <i>free</i>
12-13	Francis Hagan Match Play Championship, Lake of the Woods Golf Course
14	Registration begins for fall softball
16	Family Fun Fest: Explore Outdoors, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., <i>free</i>
18	OAK (Older American Klub) Summer Dance, Stephens Lake Activity Center, 7-10 p.m., <i>free</i>
19	Father Daughter Dance, ARC, 6-8 p.m., \$15 per couple, \$3 additional daughter
19	Go Skateboarding Day, Columbia Skate Park at Cosmo Park, 2-5 p.m., <i>free</i>
19-20	Francis Hagan Match Play Championship, Lake of the Woods Golf Course
19-20	Juneteenth celebration, Douglass Park, 3-7:30 p.m., <i>free</i>
21	Registration begins for fall kickball
25	Whiff and Giggle Couples Golf, Lake of the Woods, 5 p.m. shotgun start, \$40 per couple
26	Grand opening of Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater